Dividend of power companies

†1045. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:
SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that dividend of companies engaged in electricity generation in the country has increased in the period of last nine months in comparison to the past years;

(b) if so, the facts in this regard along with the average percentage of increase in this dividend; and

(c) the average of such divident of public as well as private sector companies?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE): (a) Dividend is declared or paid by a company for a whole financial year and not on monthly basis.

(b) and (c) Do not arise in view of (a) above.

Rural electrification target

†1046. MS. SUSHILA TIRIYA:
SHRI MOTILAL VORA:
SHRI SATYAVRAT CHATURVEDI:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the target fixed by Government for rural electrification programme during 2007-08;

(b) to what extent the target has been achieved by Government, till date;

(c) whether it is a fact that Government has allocated the required amount of funds to the State Governments for implementation of this scheme; and

(d) if so, the amount of funds allocated to Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh for this scheme?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SHINDE): (a) Government has fixed a target for electrification of 40,000 villages and release of 48 lakh BPL household connections under RGGVY during 2007-08.

(b) The implementing States have reported that electrification works have been carried out in 21131 villages (7077 un-electrified & 14054 electrified villages) besides release of 1682634 rural household connections, including 1330252 BPL household connections under RGGVY during 2007-08 as on 15.02.2008. State-wise details are given in the enclosed statement. (*See* below.)

(c) and (d) Funds under RGGVY are released in instalments commensurate with the progress reported by the implementing states/agencies and fulfillment of pre-requisites for release of instalments in terms of RGGVY guidelines/sanction letter. RGGVY has not envisaged State-wise/year-wise allocation of funds. Based on the eligible claims received from implementing States, Rs. 6846.76 crore has been released till 25th February, 2008. Funds released to Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh till 25.02.2008 are Rs. 86.94 crore, Rs. 166.76 crore and Rs. 2555.08 crore.

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